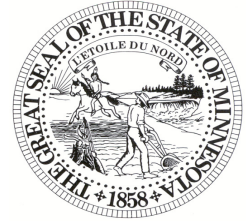




STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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**NOTICE OF PERMIT AMENDMENT REQUEST**

*In the Matter of the Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 60 Megawatt Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in Becker, Clay and Ottertail Counties (PUC Docket Number: IP-6603/WS-08-1449)*

In an order issued September 18, 2009, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a site permit to Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC for the 60 MW Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in Becker, Clay and Ottertail counties.

As provided for in Minnesota Rule 7854.1300 [Site Permit Amendment or Revocation] a site permit may be amended by the Commission if there is good cause to do so. No site permit may be amended without notice and opportunity to comment.

The site permit for the Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in section III.K.3 (Modification of Conditions) allows permit modification or amendment for cause after notice and opportunity for hearing.

On March 8, 2011, Lakeswind Power Partners, LLC (Lakeswind) applied for an amendment to modify condition III.J.4 [Power Purchase Agreement] of the site permit issued by the Commission to include the full flexibility provided by Minn. Rule 7854.1100 by adding the proposed underlined language:

This Permit does not authorize construction of the Project until the Permittee has obtained a power purchase agreement with a Minnesota utility for the sale of electricity to be generated by the Project to assist said utility in meetings its renewable energy objective under section 216B.1691 or addressing its resource need identified in a current commission-approved or commission-reviewed resource plan under Section 216B.2422, or some other enforceable mechanism for the sale of the power to be generated from the Project. In the event the Permittee does not obtain a power purchase agreement ..., or some other enforceable mechanism for the sale of the power to be generated from the Project within two years of the issuance of this Permit, the Permittee must advise the PUC of the reason for not having such power purchase agreement.

Lakeswind's stated purpose in requesting this amendment is to provide Lakeswind additional flexibility in meeting the condition for a commitment of the purchase of power from this project.

Lakeswind seeks no other change to the permit or permit conditions approved by the Commission in its September 18, 2009, order.

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According to Minn. Rule 78540.1300 and site permit condition III.K.3, interested persons may submit comments on the proposed permit amendment. **A comment period will be open through April 13, 2011.** Comments need to be emailed, faxed, or mailed to Larry Hartman (see address below) by 4:30 p.m. on that date. Please refer to docket number “08-1449” in all correspondence. Following the comment period, the request will go before the Commission for a decision.

The amendment requested by the permittee is discussed in its permit amendment request. The complete amendment request can be viewed at the Commission website:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19892>

Or by entering “Year” as “08” and “Number” as “1449” at eDockets:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

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